LHE POCAHONTAS TIMES with food and heat from which pursuit on the afternoon of the 7th,

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the south of us. She has always cern. If there is any hell raising Moor was sent to Beverly by way of duced by Mr. Faubel, and in practibeen a kind of a mother county to going on it is kept carefully under Hillsboro, with his wounded and Pocahontas and blood is thicker than esteem the ploneer stock that has writer, I took this occasion to call curred the following May or June. There is a charm about the Green- Boone, the daughter of W. F. Boone, brier Valley that is all its own. Other who lives in the big brick house, sections of West Virginia have the known as the Creigh farm, between cities, and the great industries, but Ronceverte and Lewisburg. for a place to live in peace and plenty It is of considerable moment to us give me the Greenbrier Valley, and who claim to be writers to take heed of the four counties that comprise to the recruiting of the profession. this pleasant place, Greenbrier is the It is a hard way in which to serve

important.

county. Here is where all change the first capital of Kentucky, in 1775. forwarded to Washington and acted for points east 'and west and wait at the hotel. The headwaiter at the tucky, and his descendants tower principal hotel told me recently that over their fellowmen. Daniel Boone torian wrote in his diary on July 11, he had been sold with the hotel nine times. Of late years, 1 have come to look for a landmark in the lobby. I set my name down in the register of the hotel as a matter of good faith, thence to Kentucky, thence to Mis and turn to see if Col. J. H. Crozier is sitting in his accustomed corner. I can generally count on him being there. He is the bar of the city of true Virginia dignity and presence.

of the county of Monroe, where he David S. Creigh, a veritable leader of ion of the affair. lived for so many years.

remembered the occasion when Judge family. The result was that Creigh here after the war but would never Staples, of Virginia, rode from his was after wards executed by virtue of discuss it. One gentleman, who was home all the way to Union for the a military command. purpose of beating the editor of the An account of the affair is con-that all that he had ever heard Crook tord me county newspaper for editorial critic fained in a volume by Col. B. H. say in connection with it was: "It cism. The editor was the late Col Jones, entitled "Prison, Prose and George W. Warren. The Judge made Poetry," published in 1868. Col It has always oppressed my spirit.

death ensues. This is murder. And and found that Gen. Dutle, another the suicide, compact where two per- federal general had occupied the town sons agree to destroy themselves and of Lewisburg about 10 a. m. Theone survives, an indictment may be Confederates under Gen. Echo's had gram that is highly entertaining and The observance for law in Green- the 8th, Averell passed on in pursuit end. ound for murder.

brier county must be very good Of of the fleeing army of Confederates late years practically all of the od with the entire command, and entime recklessness that was to be ob counted a barricade. He then sent tured with the aid of wigs and grease served in the towns on account of the Gen. Duffie' with his command west paints. Let us consider Greenbrier Connty. use of liquor has entirely disappeared and he himself went on to. Callahans the aristocratic blue grass county to so far as the casual observer can dis- and from there north, and Col.

cover as it should be. The arrest of David Creigh oc-Claiming to be something of a

upon a young lady who has been re On the 18th day of May, Avereil esgreen fields of the Greenbrier Valley ceived into the profession, Miss lo tablished a camp there until June 3rd On June 1st, Crook's army came by and crossed the Greenbrier River that day. A slave went to the federal army and told about the killing, and

search was made and the body found. David S. Creigh was arrested and held on his own testimony and the oldest, and the richest and the most the Lord, but as the writers pass on next day was marched towards to the Elysian fields others must Staunton. At Staunton the three

Boone's Trace.

a I can remember the time when we come forward to take their places armies of Averell, Crook and Hunter were bributary to Greenbrier county and so runs the worldaway. Nature's were united into one, and Gen. Hunbut as time went on Pocahontas be- chief masterpiece is said to be writ- ter was in command. On June the came more important and now we ing well. Miss Boone was attending 11th David S. Creigh was executed claim to march arm in arm with the Columbia University in 1922, when near Brownsburg, in Rockbridge older county. One of the great dis she was chosen to represent the county. Gen. Hunter has always tinctions that has come to Pocahon- State of West Virginia in the tab- been charged with the responsibility tas is that a native born has presided leau in which this State won first of the execution. It has been a as judge over the superior court of place. She is to the manner born. question whether the sentence was She is a wise, stately lady with a approved in Washington, some claimwhere he is much respected and liked. classic name, and I think she will go ing that it was not a summary exe-Last week there was court there far if she devotes herself to author- cution, but considering the fact that and I went down to the land of Egypt ship. She comes right down from they marched to Staunton on foct, Most of our Pocahontas travelers the great Daniel Boone, the most and from there to New Providence, know best the city of Ronceverte; eminent of all our ploneers of civili it does not seem that there was time the port of entry for Pocahontas zation, who founded Boonesborough enough for the papers to have been He was the original tall man of Ken- upon.

Waddell the Augusta county his-

lived in this valley once but was 1864: "Averell and Crook were opcrowded out before the Revolution posed to his execution. it is said, but He moved from here to Kanawha, it was ordered by Hunter. A federal and from there to North Carlina, chaplain named Osborne, from Pennsylvania, testified that Creigh was a souri, blazing the way. The great good man, if there ever was one,' and Wilderness Road was first known as the soldiers said he did right in kill ing the ruffian."

Some years ago a veteran of the When I went to the Boone home-Ronceverte, and he is a gentleman of stead, a big brick house from whose war. a business man in Pittsburg, front door the fields descend in a who was a captain under Hunter most impressive manner, I had in wrote an article for Harper's Maga tains since the time when most men's mind the terrible tragedy that start zine, in which he related that he had minds run not to the contrary, and ed there in the Civil War, that shook been ordered to carry out the exe he has a memory stored with thou the country worse than anything cution, and had refused, and then sands of incidents of the history of that has occurred before and since. was compelled by a most severe order of the Greenbrier Valley, especially It was at that time the home of to do it He had a painful recollect-

men, who killed a man who was rob- Gen. Crook, afterwards called by He told me the other day that he bing the house and terrifying his the Indians, "The Gray Fox." was an intimate friend of Grook told me-

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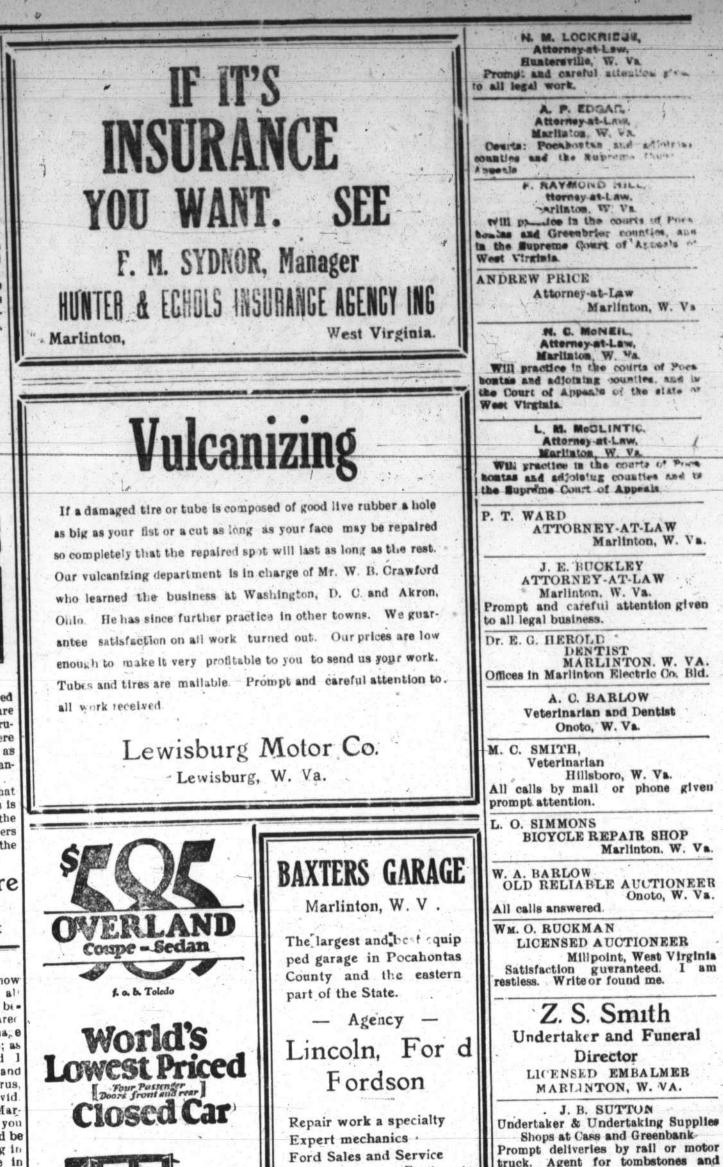
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eaver. My dear brother Louis, I knew how this will affect you You know al about my business. I wish my beloved son Cyrus, ' if he is spared through this dreadful war, to mana, e a pass at the Editor with a cane but Jones was a member of the bar at as an example of a malignant fate dutiful a son as ever lived, and I the ceiling being low the cane was Lewisburg. The account in that hanging over this man whose life was a pass at the Editor with a case out Jones was a memory of the bar hanging over this man whose life was must say so for all my sons and the ceiling peing low the cane was Lewisburg. The account in mass a good guide and an example to err daughters. I now leave Cyrus, broken against a joist, and that let volume touching this matter was a good guide and an example to err daughters. I now leave Cyrus, broken against a joist, and that let volume touching this matter was a good guild any arighteous man daughters. I now leave Cyrus, the combatants into a clinch, in the written by Dr. W. H. Syme, of ing man. He was a righteous man Thomas, Charles, Rufus, David. the combatants into a clinch in the written by Dr. W. H. Syme, of ing man. He was a fighteed stinau to the course of which they wrecked the Lewisburg, an intimate friend of and yet he was caught in the tolls of Christopher, Lockhart, Egbert, Mar-type cases and the office generally and rolled down the staircase into the result is interesting and rolled down the staircase into the marker and it was deaply studied by David S Creigh wrote on his last night.



both were exhausted.

my. The exhibitration that comes the stairway and hall and porch were cestor:

from deep mountain climbing breath- just as I had pictured them mentally ing is very, very comforting to those I do not think that this has ever whosuffer from the dark musings of occurred before with me. On November 8, 1863, David S the dyspeptic, but really it is not

Creigh came home and was told that Goodnatured strangers saw the a man in soldier's uniform had held and the sentence pronounced that 1 done in this day and time. shame and threw open the doors of up the house and that he was then was to be hung. I was not permitted their cars and invited me to hop in. in an upstairs room where the gover But I would not. For once I insisted uss hy sick in the bed breaking open

upon my technical right to walk on a bureau. Creigh was a man fiftythe road for there was nowhere else seven years old, a member of the to walk. It was winter time and county court, and an elder of the Old bear up under this as well as you can. the snow was on the fields and the Stone Church at Lewisburg. fields were otherwise closed to me | He had a pistol and he immediately So it was either walk in the road or went into the upstairs room and callnot at all. And I persisted in my ed the burglar to account. Firing madness and I won through to Lewis- started in that upstairs room and My sincere wish is that all my broth burg in an hour and twenty minutes, the men clinched and wrestled ers and sisters may meet me in

with not a megrim to melancholize through the hall upstairs and down heaven. the staircese into the lower hall, my sublime soul. It was a grandjury term called in some pistol firing going on in the

Judge Sharp instructed them on a that the fight was one to the death. out. I hope that I would once more point of law in regard to a tragic oc- There a colored woman came run- see you all on earth; but it is decreed currence in the county It appears ning with an axe which she gave to otherwise, and I have to submit. that a stranger working on some her master, and the intruder- was wish my remains to be removed and contract on the Midland Trail as a killed, and the body hid away. The laid by the side of our father's and

laborer had suffered a gunshot wound identify of the dead man was never mother's, as soon as convenient. The from some person unknown. The established, and I think that my execution will take place in a few wounded man was then burried into father had the right theory; and that minutes. The Rev. A G. Osborn a car and driven in great haste to is that he was not a soldier at all, has prayed for me before 1 com the hospital at Ronceverte. There but some desperate character who menced writing.

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instead of ringing the bell and enter- had got a federal uniform and was ing the patient for treatment, he was using it to hold up victims. titious manner and there left. Much document was found on the body of authorized to say the execution, if I placed on the back porch in a serreplater the night nurse found the man the deceased:

on the porch and he was taken in but he soon died from the effects of the David S. Creigh: "Charge-Murder. night in addition to the gun shot That on or about the 8th day of No- wife, and children to meet me in uary, 1925. wound. The court instructed the vember, 1863. the same Creigh killed jury that under such circumstances a soldier in his house, dressed in a that the persons responsible were Federal uniform, name unknown. 'Signed, A. Myers, Provost Marshal.' liable to be indicted for murder or It will be remembered that the

manslaughter. battle of Droop Mountain was fought There is an old English case where on the 6th day of November, 1863. a deputy sheriff was put in charge of a drug store under an execution. That the Confederate army retreated And he was made comfortable in the through Lewisburg to Dublin and sitting room behind the store. About that Averell reached Lewisburg in nine o'clock the officer asked the druggist for a drink of gin, and the druggist set out a stone bottle containing about a gallon of gin and a drinking set in. The party was com posed of the druggist, a brother, a visitor, maid servant, and the officer They ordered a supper at half past. twelve and with it they drank a number of bottles of red wine. After that three pints of porter. After that they had some rounds of rum. By three o'clock in the morning the officer was dead drunk and the rest of the party called a cab and sent him home to the sheriff. Before he was delivered the cab driver found that he had died. The deceased was a man of sixty years of age and in good health when he took possession of the store. The three men were indicted for manslaughter, and tried

and found guilty. Along the same lines are the cases of wilful neglect of helpless and aged perions and failure to, provide them

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and rolled down the stallcase into lather's horary over shoe 1 can be be added by David S Creigh wrote on his last night your stay and support, trusting in me when I was a child. My father on earth is the most perfect and pro-

I committed a solecism the other and mother were greatly affected by found outpouring of the soul about heaven. day in Greenbrier County in walking the terrible fate of their friend. And to depart that I ever studied. Durfrom Ronceverte to Lewisburg, on a I have always heen able to visualize ing her long life, my mother conclear frosty morning, in the invigor- the fight. When I stepped into the stantly referred to it as a great docu. clear frosty morning, in the invigor, the light. When i stopped had revered in ating air. It is a penace recognized hall the other day it was the first ment. We take the liberty to reprot. West Virginia and from whom many by certain old fashioned persons as time that I had ever been to the duce it in full. His descendants may being conducive to health and econo- house or anywhere near it, and yet well be proud of their heroic an-

June 10th, 1864.

Dear Emily: I arrived this evcning at Rev. James Morrison's in Rockbridge county. After eating my supper I was taken into, a house

any counsel in my case. I wish you, my dear beloved wife. to bear up under this dreadful be reavement; you and all the children and all try to meet me in heaven. I am meeting death with calmness, be-

lieving and trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ, the Saviour of sinners

In my sentence it was read, that the house was to be burned to the advance of the regular term that be meantime. From the hall the ground, but the gentleman that gins on the 20th of January. In the struggle carried the combatants out brought me this paper said that part course of his charge to the grandjury on to the porch and it was apparent of the sentence would not be carried

I sent for him this minute, and he and the Provost Marshal came in to-After the execution the following gether, and the Provost Marshal was

"Charges and specifications against daylight, which I accepted: that corn and meat, and one runabout bug

Specification!

God, and preparing to meet me in David S. Creigh

And thus passed a man whose memory is honored and revered in of our best people proudly claim descent, his good name the immediate

jewel of his soul. The country was distracted by a

fearful civil war. The federal armles especially that under Hunter were under orders to rule with an iron hand 'Make the country so bare a crow cannot fly over it." The severest military rule known is one protect ing straggling soldiers in any enemy country. But this was West Virginia in 1864, a loyal state, and David S Creigh was a non-combatant and a citizen of a loyal state. It was as Crook said a mistake. Creigh is credited with having saved Crook's life on

occasion But so great is reputation that the years but add lustre to the name of avid S. Creigh.



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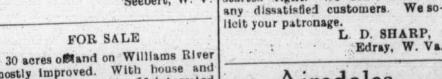


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